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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperature averages were below normal over the State--as much as 10 to 18 degrees in the north central and northeast. The lowest temperatures were in the east during the early part of the week. Weeping Water reported 7 degrees below zero, Wakefield had 17 degrees below zero.

Snow Wednesday night and again over the weekend ranged from 4 inches in the west to 10 inches in portions of the east. Reporters at Dalton and Madrid reported the most beneficial wet snow of the winter on Wednesday night. Numerous roads were closed Sunday afternoon from the central to the northeast as strong-wind accompanied heavy snows.

CROPS Snow and wet weather continued to hamper farm activity over much of the State.

Many roads and lanes were blocked by heavy snow and drifts, restricting marketings and making chore work difficult. A little corn was harvested in the southeastern counties where snow cover was reduced and frozen ground could support machinery. Otherwise, field activity was at a standstill. Moisture content of cribbed corn is higher than usual at this time.

Winter wheat started greening again in sections of the west where temperatures rose and snow melted. Most of the central and eastern acreage is still under a blanket of snow. Condition of wheat is reported mostly satisfactory, although some damage has occurred in the west where soil blowing and exposure to severe temperatures have hurt the crop. Numerous reports of serious damage to winter barley fields have been received. The severe cold this winter has taxed the hardiness of winter grains.

Pasture and range feed was snow covered in much of the State. Hay supplies are reported below average in two-fifths of the counties. Shortages have been relieved locally in most cases without heavy shipments from other sections. Hay prices have been strong, reflecting the persistent demand. In some places, cattle were pasturing stalk and stubble fields, but many areas had too much snow to permit livestock grazing or gleaning of fields.

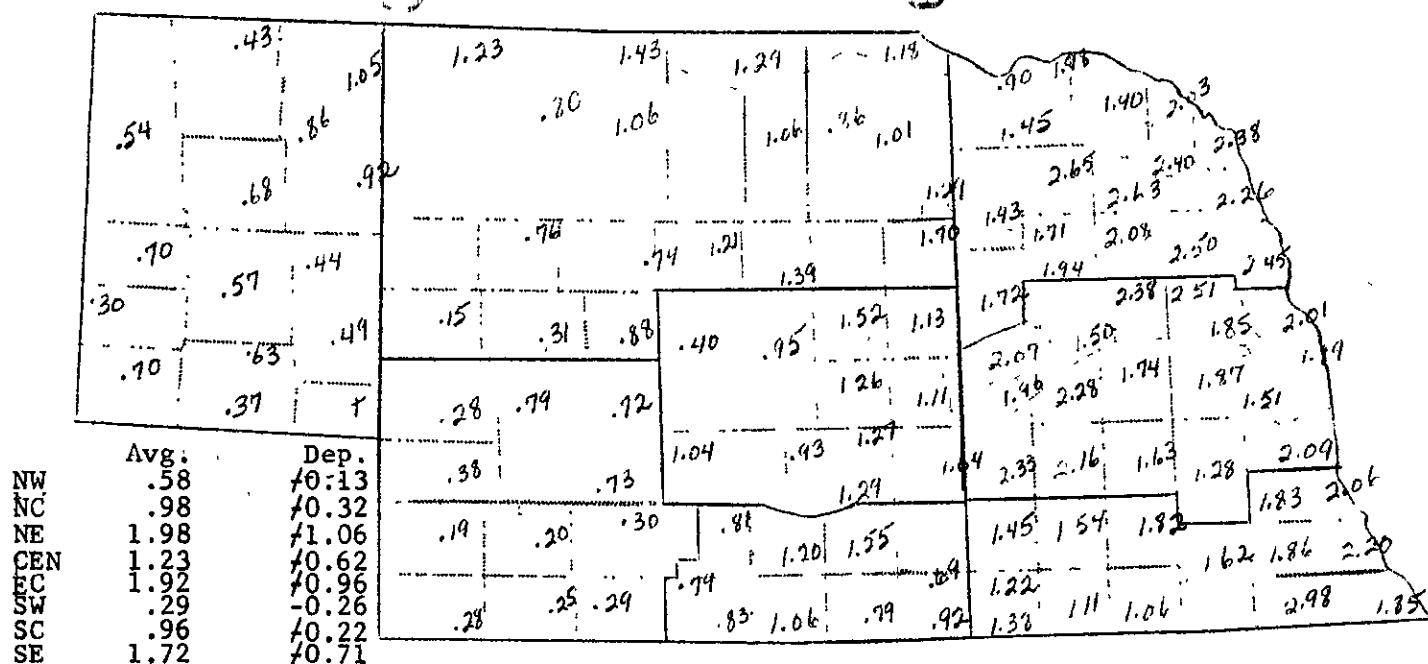
Concern is rather widespread regarding the imminent delay in spring field work, and the difficulties with muddy conditions in feedlots and the farmsteads. The heavy snow pack poses a threat of floods and soil erosion when melting occurs.

LIVESTOCK Marketings of livestock and livestock products were slowed by heavy snow, especially in parts of the northeast. Producers were having difficulty making milk and egg deliveries. Production rates for livestock were reduced by severe weather. Litter sizes have been cut somewhat this winter. Losses of new born stock have been higher than normal.

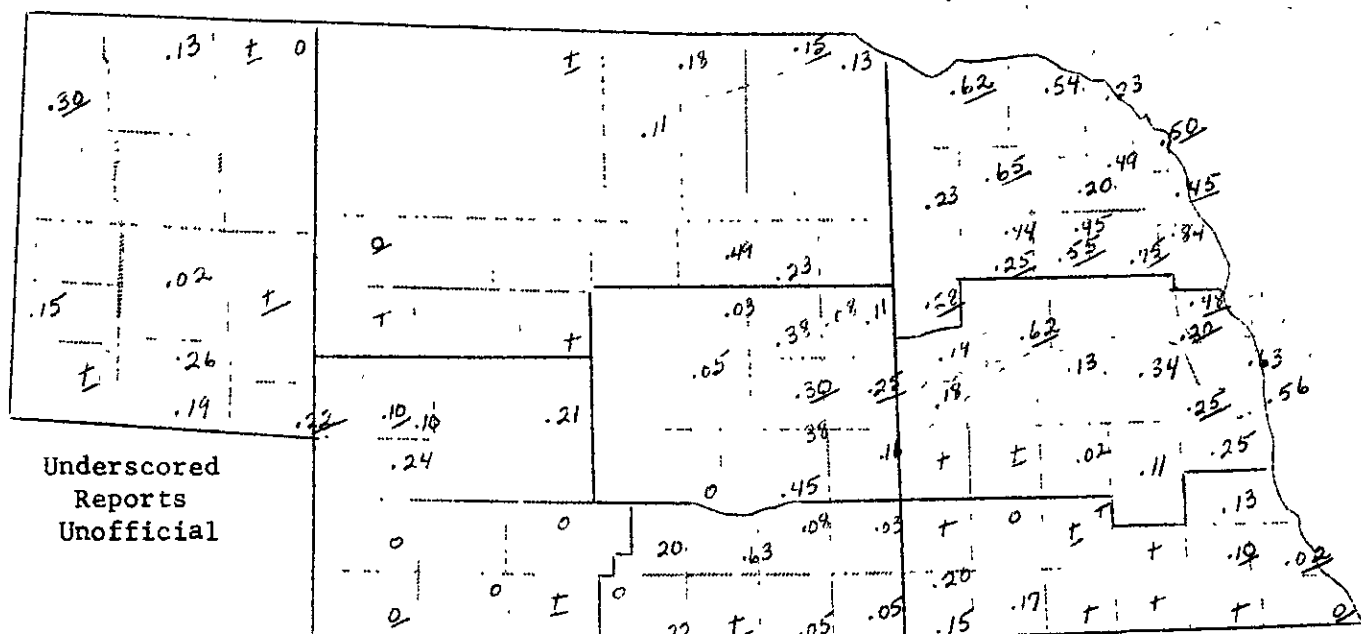
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 12, 1962

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.82	Burwell	.27	Chadron	.19
Lincoln	.24	North Platte	.45	Imperial	.06
Norfolk	.92	Valentine	.23	Scottsbluff	.24
Omaha	1.06			Sidney	.12
Sioux City	1.50				

# PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1962



## PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 9, 1962



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m. CST)

		March 6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th		12th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	38	24	44	31	39	23	42	24	54	24	34	19	23	7
	Scottsbluff	46	23	51	25	38	29	45	25	54	28	31	19	26	17
	Sidney	42	20	48	22	44	20	43	25	50	25	26	19	25	17
NC	Burwell	19	-6	25	8	33	22	28	14	34	25	33	28	32	
	Valentine	23	9	25	12	26	20	26	0	34	25	29	27	30	18
NE	Norfolk	13	-11	21	8	29	26	31	24	35	28	33	32	33	29
	Sioux City	12	-11	16	10	30	27	33	29	35	30	34	33	34	30
CEN	Grand Island	19	-1	25	14	35	29	32	25	32	29	33	31	34	25
	Lincoln	21	2	27	16	35	32	34	30	35	30	34	33	40	30
	Omaha	15	0	24	10	30	30	33	30	38	29	33	33	36	29
SW	Imperial	40	14	45	16	47	25	46	15	55	26	28	24	29	17
	North Platte	28	9	35	17	37	23	34	16	43	26	29	27	29	20

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